

Russian Modernization

Entrance task: Think: What was Russia like at the dawn of the 19th century and why?

Today: The 19th century modernization of Russia under czarist rule

Homework:

1. January 1905 massacre at the Winter Palace sparked when Czar Nicholas II's troops opened fire on peaceful protesters.
2. Local assemblies established by Alexander II that gave Russians their first experience with local government.
3. Russia's defeat in this war highlighted how badly it had fallen behind the industrialized western countries.
4. Issued by Czar Nicholas II, this document granted full civil liberties \ and promised a popularly elected parliament.
5. Name of the popularly elected parliament of Nicholas II
6. Russia's loss in this war in 1905 was a humiliating defeat that led to major unrest in the country.
7. Russian reformer who initiated great agricultural land reforms
8. The Russian czar under which the "Great Reforms" occurred, he was later assassinated.



Crimean War 1854-1856

Russia was defeated by combined forces of Turkey, Britain, France, Piedmont, Austria. It seriously weakened Russia and Austria and illustrated Russia's backwardness.



This poem gives an idea of what the war was like. It was written to memorialise a suicidal charge by light cavalry over open terrain by British forces in the Battle of Balaklava (Ukraine) in the Crimean War (1854-56). 247 men of the 637 in the charge were killed or wounded.

The Charge Of The Light Brigade by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Half a league half a league,
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred:

'Forward, the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns!' he said:
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred

'Forward, the Light Brigade!
Was there a man dismay'd?
Not tho' the soldier knew
Some one had blunder'd:

Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do & die,
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon in front of them
Volley'd & thunder'd;

Storm'd at with shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of Hell
Rode the six hundred.

Flash'd all their sabres bare,
Flash'd as they turn'd in air
Sabring the gunners there

Charging an army while
All the world wonder'd:
Plunged in the battery-smoke
Right thro' the line they broke;
Cossack & Russian
Reel'd from the sabre-stroke,
Shatter'd & sunder'd.

When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they

All the world wonder'd.

Honour the charge they
made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!

*Memorialising Events in
the Battle of Balaklava,
October 25, 1854*

Light Brigade

New developments in the Crimean War



<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/ENightingale.htm>

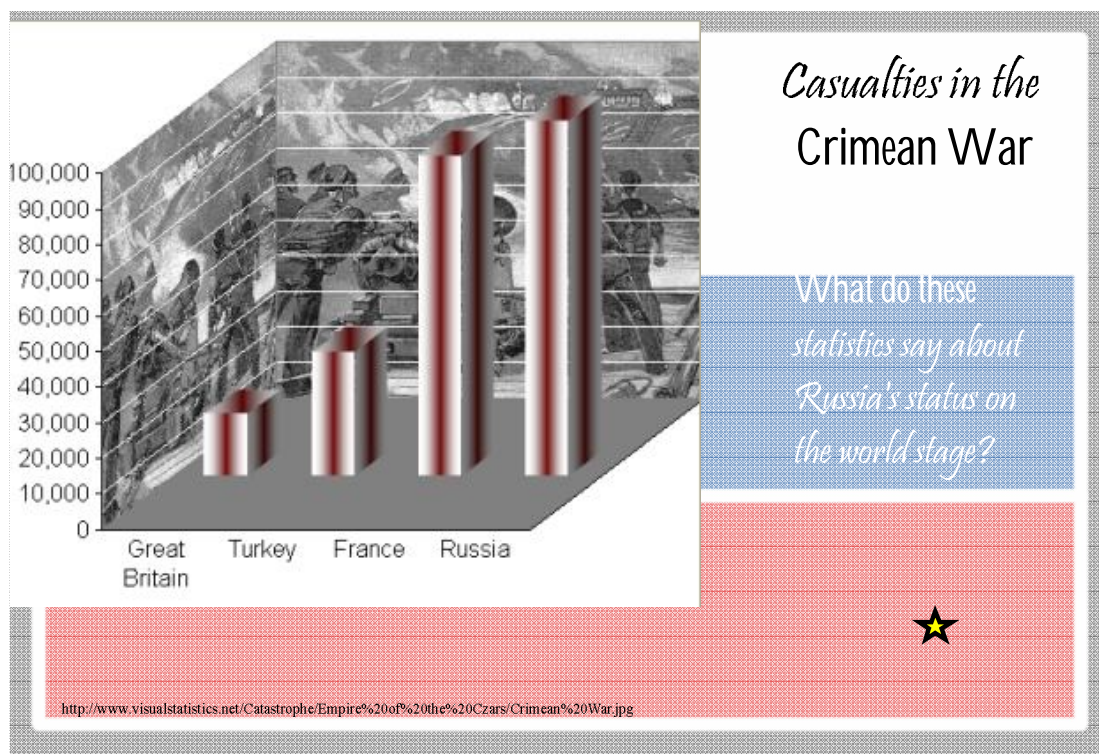
Nursing the sick and wounded




Florence Nightingale

Wherever there is disease
in its most dangerous form
and the hand of the spoiler
distressingly nigh, there is
that incomparable woman
sure to be seen; her
benignant presence is an
influence for good comfort

expiring nature. She is a
'ministering angel.'
Letter in The London Times
Feb. 1855



<p>Alexander II r. 1855-1881</p> <p>The "Great Reforms"</p> 	<p>Lost the Crimean War (began under Nicholas I)</p> <p>Expanded railroads</p> <p>Economic modernization</p> <p>Freed serfs (1861)</p> <p>Relaxed censorship</p> <p>Zemstovs</p> <p>Assassinated by the People's Will</p>
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<p>Alexander III r. 1881-1894</p> <p>A reactionary Tough like grandfather</p>	<p>Russification</p> <p>Pogroms <i>-attacks on Jews</i></p> <p>Secret police, censorship, etc.</p> <p>Serge Witte - trans-Siberian railroad</p>
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Nick I.



<p>Nicholas II <i>The Last Russian Czar</i> r. 1894-1917</p>	<p>Lost the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905)</p> <p>Bloody Sunday (1905)</p> <p>October Manifesto</p> <p>Duma</p> <p>The Great War (1914)</p>
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